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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-326-A]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Citigroup Energy Canada ULC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Citigroup Energy Canada ULC (CECU) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to:

Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20,

U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350.

Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by e-mail to Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C.824a(e)).

On May 17, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-326 authorizing CECU to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term. The current export authority in Order No EA-326 will expire on May 17, 2012. On April 3, 2012, CECU filed an application with DOE for renewal of that authority for an additional ten-year term.

In its application, CECU states that it "does not currently own or control electric generation or transmission facilities in any wholesale market in interstate commerce or have a power supply system of its own on which its exports of electricity could have a reliability, fuel use, or system stability impact." CECU states that the electric power proposed to be exported to Canada will be purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements and will be surplus to the system needs of the entities selling the power to CECU. The application also indicates that CECU is a power marketer authorized by the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to sell energy, capacity, and specified ancillary services at market-based rates.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by CECU have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the FERC Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the CECU application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 326-A. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Victoria Sharp, Citigroup Energy Inc., 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77056 and with Vincenzo Franco, Esq., Van Ness Feldman, P.C., 1050 Thomas Jefferson St. N.W., Seventh Floor, Washington, DC 20007. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 C.F.R. Part 1021) and after a determination is made by

 $DOE \ that \ the \ proposed \ action \ will \ not \ have \ an \ adverse \ impact \ on \ the \ reliability \ of \ the \ U.S.$ 

electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and

copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at

http://energy.gov/node/11845 or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

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